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This year as always, we are making every effort to not only present intriguing films but to build a community - an interconnectedness - around the Festival. We invite you, your friends and neighbors to enjoy this year's selection of movies, parties, discussions between films, all at the beautifully redecorated Fine Arts Center replete with lounge, restaurant and Warhol exhibit. .

We hope you'll drop-in and meet the producers of the Festival (in between movies - lounge) to ask questions and/or offer your input on how to make this festival even bigger and better. We always need more Festival producers/volunteers so we hope some of you will "step up" to help this Festival grow and become a reflection of our shared community.

We are pleased this year to celebrate with our Opening Night films and reception, the passage of Lesbian and Gay marriage in Canada and Spain, a significant and inevitable step to equal rights and equal treatment of all people.

We are heartened that the entertainment industry is funding good films about LGBT people that reveal us as Whole, Healthy, Loving, Caring contributors to society. We are Proud that our Festival has become an ever-brighter beacon for all to see that the LGBT community and their friends and supporters in Colorado Springs are alive and doing well. We hope our excitement will inspire you to tell your friends about the festival and invite them to "check it out".

This year we deeply mourn the passing of Keith Nicks, Pam Hartman and Jeanne Kerechanin. We dedicate this festival to them as pioneers who contributed mightily to the LGBT community and making Colorado Springs a better place to live and love. Though we wish they could be here, we know they would want us to have a good time and celebrate being together.

We have a great line-up this year of diverse, thought provoking, funny and profound films as well as fabulous parties, delicious food and informative events planned. Thank you for being here. Enjoy the festival!

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"Love, not necessarily blood, joined the family that lived in the hillside home of Jeanne Kerechanin, 54 and Pam Hartman, 46." When they loaded up their Honda to drive to Pam's brother's funeral in Wisconsin on March 10th, they had raised their own two sons, had a huge number of friends, were surrogate mothers to dozens and part of the Poor Richard's family as managers of the restaurant, during their 21 years together. Their wonderful partnership ended that fateful day when they were killed in a fiery 12 car pile-up on Interstate 80. The 2005 Lavender Film Festival is dedicated to all the love, courage and dignity they shared with their friends and family during their short time in this world. R.S.



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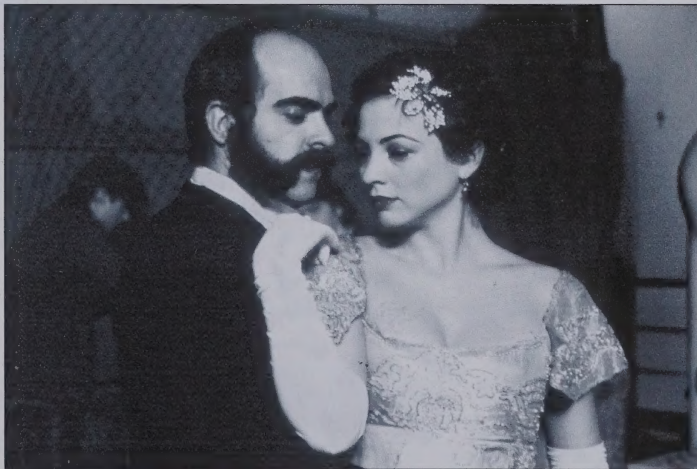


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8:00: SHORT FILM: THE SADNESS OF JOHNSON JOE JANGLES directed by Jeffrey St. Jules (Canada, 2004, 19 min., 35mm) A young couple's dream of a better life on the Western frontier is shattered when a mysterious woman lures them to a sinful town. Stuck where even the laws of nature don't exist, the couple struggles to hold their love for each other.



FEATURE FILM: UNCONSCIOUS (INCONSCIENTES) directed by Joaquin Oristrell (Spain, 2004, 108 min., 35mm Spanish with English subtitles) An uptight doctor and his feminist sister-in-law investigate her missing husband in Barcelona, in 1913. They quickly discover a lurid world of porn shoots, transvestite parties, and even (gasp!) psychoanalysis in this quick-witted Spanish farce about taboos of the well-dressed repressed. UNCONSCIOUS digs up desires and perversions hidden beneath period costumes. Director Oristrell's energetic farce keeps a steady pace supported by an excellent poker-faced cast even during the scripts most hilarious twists. Nominated for 5 Goya's (Spanish Academy Awards).



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NOON: SHORT FILM: MOUSTACHE directed by Vicki Sugars (Australia, 2004, 13 min., 35mm)
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FEATURE FILM: UNVEILED directed by Angelina Maccarone (Germany, 2005, 100 min., 35mm, German & Farsi with English subtitles) An Iranian woman, Fariba flees Iran to avoid harsh punishment for a lesbian affair. In Germany, her request for asylum is denied. "In orbit" (a U. N. designation for those with no country) she assumes the identity of her friend Siamak, whose suicide Fariba discovers. Dressed as Siamak, she lands a job where she meets Anne who is intrigued by Siamak's mysterious reserve. **UNVEILED** is a political film that offers a compelling love story. The fraught love scenes between the two women, set to stirring Persian music, might just leave you in orbit.

Got Feedback?

- Come talk to the festival producers in The Deco Lounge after Unveiled.

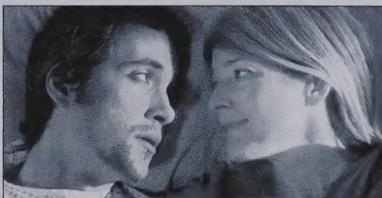


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2:45 SHORT FILM: LICKING OUR WOUNDS directed by Wendy Dallas (USA, 2005, 16 min., video) Maria honors her friend Peter's last wish in an unusual act of friendship and grace. We are reminded of courage, humor and tenacity of love in the face of death.



FEATURE FILM: LOGGERHEADS

directed by Tim Kirkman (USA, 2005, 90 min., 35mm) Three stories, all centered around Mother's Day, intertwine to tell a singular tale about how strong the human heart can be. A mature and necessary drama, **LOGGERHEADS** beautifully depicts the lives of conservative characters who, after society has pushed them in the wrong direction, are ultimately driven by their hearts to deal with the repercussions of their past actions and make things right again, no matter how difficult. **LOGGERHEADS** all star-cast includes: Kip Pardue, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Learned, Tess Harper and Michael Kelly. Winner of Best Feature Film Grand Jury Award, Outfest Los Angeles, 2005. Best Feature Film Audience Award, Nashville Film Festival and Florida Film Festival, 2005

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- Come talk to the festival producers in The Deco Lounge after **Loggerheads**.



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5:15 SHORT FILM: GETTING TO KNOW YOU directed by Liz Lachmann (USA, 2005, 20min, video) Elizabeth Keener stars as a woman fixated on exterior beauty who learns a lesson in love from the wrong girl. Dana Delaney and Anne Ramsay play friends who give her tireless and comical advice.

FEATURE FILM: GIRL PLAY directed by Lee Friedlander (USA, 2004, 80 min., video) GIRL PLAY is the painfully funny love story raising the complicated question, "What do you do when true love comes along and you're already in a relationship?" Based on the lives of two writers/actors the story evolves around two women working together in a play who find themselves overcome with desire. GIRL PLAY incorporates elements of stage and film, explores through humor and painful self-confession, the conundrum that can accompany major life choices. Supported by an all-star cast: Robin Greenspan, Lacie Harmon, Mink Stole and Dom Deluise. Winner of Outstanding Lesbian Narrative Feature Film and Outstanding Actress in a film(shared by lead actresses) Outfest Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, 2004. Winner of Audience Award for Best Feature Film, Santa Barbara Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, 2004 and Jury Award and Audience Award for Best Women's Feature Film, Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, 2004.

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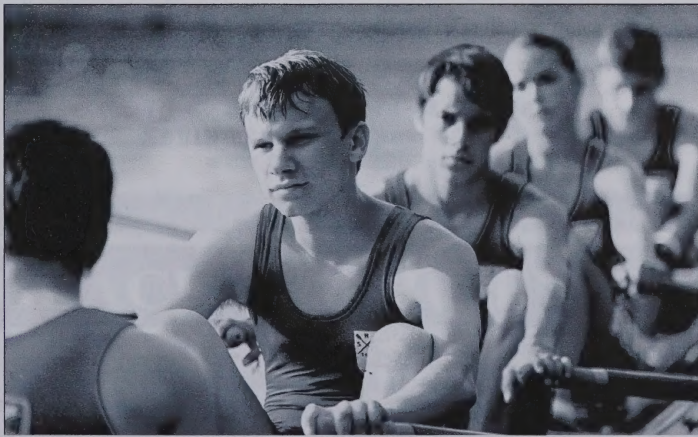
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FEATURE FILM: SUMMER STORM (SOMMERSTURM) directed by Marco Kreuzpaintner (Germany, 2004, 98min, 35mm, in German with English subtitles) Best friends for years, Bavarian high school students Tobi and Achim share a bond that no one else can enter. Members of their schools rowing team, they talk about girls and sports, and pledge that someday they will travel the world together. This stirring, sensual drama handsomely depicts the thrill and pain of first love, and the challenges faced by friends who find themselves on opposite sides of a difficult divide. Flashes of humor, an undercurrent of passion, and a sexy, sporty cast round out this irresistible coming-of-age story. Best Feature Audience Award, Munich Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, 2004, Best Feature Audience Choice, Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, 2005, Best Lead Actor Montreal Film Festival, 2004.



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SHORT FILM: CHRISTOPHER AND GORDY directed by Frank Mosvold and Tom Petter Hansen (Norway, 2004, 5 min. 35 mm.) Mosvold (Home for Christmas: Winner of PPLFF's Audience Award, 2000) returns with a parody of our president that deals with church, politics, big business and homosexuality.



GAY SEX IN THE 70'S directed by Joseph Lovett (USA, 2005, 68 min., video) Lovett, a producer for ABC'S "20/20", interviews the people who were part of a cultural revolution of the 70's and discovers that it was not just about sex.



Storm clouds emerge as the men talk about sexual obsession, drugs, and the appearance of AIDS, which is not the only legacy of this period. It was also a time of creating community and laying the foundation of a political movement that never existed before with its biggest battles still ahead. (some explicit material).

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3:00 SHORT FILM: you wash my skin with sunshine
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Looking back on Super 8 images, Mullen who is the Program Director of Inside/Out Toronto Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, recalls her relationship with her mother.



FEATURE FILM: MRS. STEVENS HEARS THE MERMAIDS SINGING
directed by Linda Thornburg (USA, 2005, 128 min. video) Based on a May Sarton, semi-autobiographical 1964 novel, the film tells the story of 70 year old poet, Hilary Stevens, suddenly famous after nearly 50 years of writing. Rendered with flashbacks, Mrs. Steven's life mirrors the struggles of women to gain suffrage, sexual liberation, independence during WWII, challenges to witch hunts of the 1950's and the changes in consciousness of the 1960's that link a new generation to Hilary. Through interviews with muses and reporters Mrs. Steven's reveals her lesbian love relationships creating a thoroughly satisfying film.



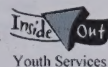
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FEATURE FILM: MY SUMMER OF LOVE directed by Pawel Pawlikowski (United Kingdom, 2004, 86 min., 35 mm) The intense, fleeting relationship between two lonely teenage girls—one working class and the other cultured middle class—is artfully captured in a fairy-tale like third feature from the award-winning director. They become inseparable and create a world where no one else is welcome despite interference and objections from their families. The director weaves a story of the promise of adolescent love without nostalgia. Thanks to beautiful cinematography, outstanding performances and tender fascination between the girls, the film says first love is to be celebrated. Based on a novel by Helen Cross. Won top prize at the Edinburgh International Film Festival; Won British Academy of Film and Television Award (BAFTA).

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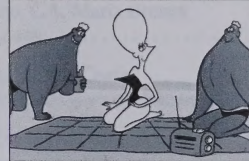
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8:00: Short Film: Bikini directed by Lasse Persson (Sweden, 2004, 7 min, 35mm) This delightful, animated musical stars a young man afraid to come out on a beach in 1960.



FEATURE FILM: COTE D'AZUR directed by Olivier Ducastel & Jacques Martineau (France, 2004, 90 min, 35mm in French with English subtitles) Maybe it's the sun, surf and shellfish of the Riviera that has every member of this vacationing family thinking about sex. From the moment they arrive at the beach, taboos are broken and the limits of love are tested. The mother is convinced that her son and his friend are having an intimate relationship while she pursues her secret love and her husband romps with the plumber. In the midst of our national debate over who deserves to be family and who gets to decide, the directors of the ADVENTURES OF FELIX (2nd PPLFF), prove, in this hilarious farce, that our families are ours to make. Official Selection, Tribeca Film Festival, opening night film for San Francisco LGBT Film Festival, and Los Angeles Outfest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, 2005.



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